

House Resolution 1296

By: Representative Meadows of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the Goswick family and dedicating a bridge in their honor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Marion A. Goswick drew a sketch for the first bridge across the Conasauga
3 River, at the location which is now known as SR 286; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the road was originally constructed with money raised through the poll tax; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the original road was built according to existing property lines, except where
6 property owners would not agree to the use of their land, which explains the many curves in
7 the road; and
- 8 WHEREAS, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was president, the Public Works Administration
9 worked to widen the road; and
- 10 WHEREAS, over time, the Conasauga River has had four bridges built across it at this
11 location: one wood, one wood and steel, and two cement, the last being built in 1959; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Herman Talmadge was the Governor of Georgia and Clarence Ridley was the
13 Commissioner of Murray County when the road was designated as SR 286; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Marion A. Goswick carved three peach seeds into monkeys and mounted each
15 monkey on a piece of wood, marking each with the number 286, and he sent them to
16 Governor Herman Talmadge as a souvenir of the highway; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Governor acknowledged the souvenir by writing a letter to Goswick, saying
18 he had them on display in his office; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Marion Andrew Goswick married Roxie Pearl Laughridge, and to their union
20 were born Raney Opal, Theodore, Ruth, Maga Lynn, and Creed Denton; and

21 WHEREAS, the Goswick family store was built in 1914 facing what used to be Route 2, now
22 known as Goswick Road; and

23 WHEREAS, the Goswick family operated the store selling general merchandise until 2006–
24 when Marion A. Goswich died, his son C.D. operated the store until he died in 1997, and
25 then Maga Lynn Goswick Hix ran the store; and

26 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a lasting memorial to the contributions of the Goswick
27 family to the people of Murray County be established.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the contributions of the Goswick family to
30 this state and their community and dedicate the bridge over the Conasauga River at SR 286
31 as the Goswick Family Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of
34 Transportation and to Maga Lynn Goswick Hix.